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1. SUMMARY: SECRETARY KISSINGER'S PARIS PROPOSALS
EXTENSIVELY REPORTED IN ITALIAN PRESS, COMPENSATING FOR
LACK OF ATTENTION GIVEN INITIAL KANSAS CITY PRESENTATION.
US INITIATIVE GENERALLY APPLAUSED, BUT DOUBTS THAT PROPOSALS
WILL BE SUFFICIENT TO RE-ESTABLISH PRODUCER/CONSUMER
DIALOGUE WIDESPREAD. OFFICIAL REACTION MUTED GIVEN ABSENCE
SENIOR GOI OFFICIALS, BUT FM RUMOR'S COMMENTS FROM PARIS
FULLY COVERED. END SUMMARY.

2. VIRTUALLY ALL ITALIAN PAPERS DEVOTED SIGNIFICANT COVERAGE
TO SECRETARY KISSINGER'S ONE-TWO PARIS PUNCH UNDERLING NEW
US INITIATIVES DESIGNED TO RE-OPEN PRODUCER/CONSUMER CONFER-
ENCE AND BEGIN DIABLOQUE ON RAW MATERIALS. STRAIGHT REORT-
ING PREDOMINATED, AND HEADLINES GENERALLY EMPHASIZED FORWARD
MOVEMENT IN US POSITION AND EVOLUTION US THINKING ON RAW
MATERIALS. EVEN IN PAPERS NORMALLY UNFRIENDLY TO US INITIA-
TIVES (SUCH AS COMMUNIST PARTY DAILY L'UNITA, SOCIALIST
PART DAILY AVANIT AND ROME DAILY IL MESSAGERO) CARRIED LONG,
REASONABLY OBJECTIVE ACCOUNTS LARDED WITH QUOTATIONS AND
POINTING UP MOVEMENT IN US POSITION VIS A VIS THIRD WORLD.

3. NEWS ANALYSIS GENERALY SYMPATHETIC, BUT WIDESPREAD DOUBT
EXPRESSED THAT PROPOSALS GO FAR ENOUGH TO MEET PRODUCER/THIRD
WORLD CONDITIONS FOR RE-OPENING DIALOGUE. L'UNITA
CHARACTERIZES THREE-COMMISSION PROPOSAL AS A TRICK TO
SEPARATE ENERGY DISCUSSION FROM RAW MATERIALS CONSIDERATIONS,
AND FURTHER AS A MEASURE TO STEAL FRENCH THUNDER. IEA
CONTEXT CONSIDERED INAUSPICIOUS. OTHER ANALYSIS LESS
DISPOSED TO QUESTION US MOTIVES, BUT "SOFTENING" OF US
POSITION SEEN AS NECESSARY AND DESIRABLE STEP IN FACING
WORLD PROBLEMS OF ENERGY AND RAW MATERIALS. THE LEADING
FINANCIAL DAIL6, MILAN'S 24 ORE/IL SOLE, SAW IN PROPOSALS
NEW ATTITUDE TOWARDS INDEXATION, P/C DIALOGUE WHICH MAKES
US POSITION MORE "CREDIBLE".

4. OFFICIAL GOI REACTION GENERALLY MUTED DUE ATTENDANCE
PRINCIPAL SPOKESMAN AT IEA, OECD, AND NATO MEETINGS.
NEVERTHELESS, FROM PARIS PAPERS COVERED INITIAL FAVORABLE
REACTION FM RUMOR TO US INITIATIVES, UNDERLINED PRIVATELY
TO DCM BY RUMOR'S DIPLOMATIC ADVISOR PETRIGNIANI WHO ALSO
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NOTED LONG-STANDING GOI POSITION IN FAVOR OF INCREASED DIALOGUE
WITH LDC'S. AT THE SAME TIME, OFFICIAL - AND UNOFFICIAL -
REMARKS HAVE EMPHASIZED ITALY'S POSITION AS MOST-SERIOUS
AFFECTED INDUSTRIALIZED NATION, AND ITS LACK OF RAW MATERIALS.

5. COMMENT: EXTENDED COMMENT AND COVERAGE ON KISSINGER
PROPOSALS ESPECIALLY WELCOME SINCE KANSAS CITY SPEECH
RECEIVED VIRTUALLY NO COVERAGE IN ITALY, DUE TO TIME

DIFFERENTIAL AND STRIKE WHICH KEPT ITALIAN PAPERS FROM PUBLISHING AT THAT TIME. DESPITE OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL APPLAUSE OF US EFFORTS TO MEET DESIRES OF LDCS, SCHEMES IMPLYING RE-DISTRIBUTION OF WEALTH AND HIGHER PRICES FOR RAW MATERIALS WILL BE OPPOSED BY ITALIAN ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL INTERESTS WHICH COULD BE HARD HIT DUE TO ITALY'S ALMOST COMPLETE DEPENDENCE ON IMPORTED RAW MATERIALS (AS WAS EXPRESSED MAY 28 TO EMBOFF BY HIGH OFFICIAL IN ITALIAN INDUSTRIALISTS' ASSOCIATION). KISSINGER PROPOSALS NOTED AGAINST BACKGOURND RUMBLINGS OF IMMINENT OPEC PETROLEUM PRICE HIKES, AND INCREASE IN US TAXES ON IMPORTED PETROLEUM. VOLPE

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